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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - PROSPECTS FOR IAB

1. CAB HAS THIRD-HAND REPORT THAT GOBI HAS DIRECTED INTERNATIONAL AIR BAHAMAS (IAB) TO CEASE OPERATIONS IN NEAR FUTURE, POSSIBLY AS EARLY AS JULY 20.
2. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO TAKE SOUNDINGS WITH GOBI, IF APPROPRIATE, AND IN ANY EVENT TO COMMENT ON PROSPECTS FOR CONTINUED IAB OPERATIONS NASSAU-LUXEMBOURG.
3. FYI: AS EMBASSY IS AWARE, OUR MAIN CONCERN IN NASSAU CIVAIR MARKET IS CONTINUED POTENTIAL OF IAB TO MOUNT "SIXTH FREEDOM" OPERATION U.S.-NASSAU-LUXEMBOURG. THIS SERVICE IN 1972 SIPHONED OFF ABOUT 75,00 U.S. ORIGINATING PAS-

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SENGERS, AT FARES TOTALLING 13 MILLION DOLLARS, WHO MIGHT

OTHERWISE HAVE CROSSED ATLANTIC VIA U.S. AIRLINES. THERE-
FORE, ANY GOBI INTENTION TO CURTAIL IAB SERVICE COULD BE EX-
PECTED TO HAVE GREAT WEIGHT IN U.S.-GOBI CIVAIR RELATION-
SHIP. END FYI. RUSH

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